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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.: 2001\_1207A

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Title: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3.  Specification *(preferred arrangement set forth below)*  

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) *(35 USC 113)* *(Total Sheets: 31)*

5.  Oath or Declaration *(Total Pages : 3)*

- a.1.  Newly executed (original or copy)
- a.2.  Unexecuted
- b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
  - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or computer program *(Appendix)*

8.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*

- a.  Computer Readable Form
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
  - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii.  Paper
- c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

✓ 9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*  
 Power of Attorney

11.  English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  
 Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*

16.  Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17.  Other **CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Prior Application Information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_

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